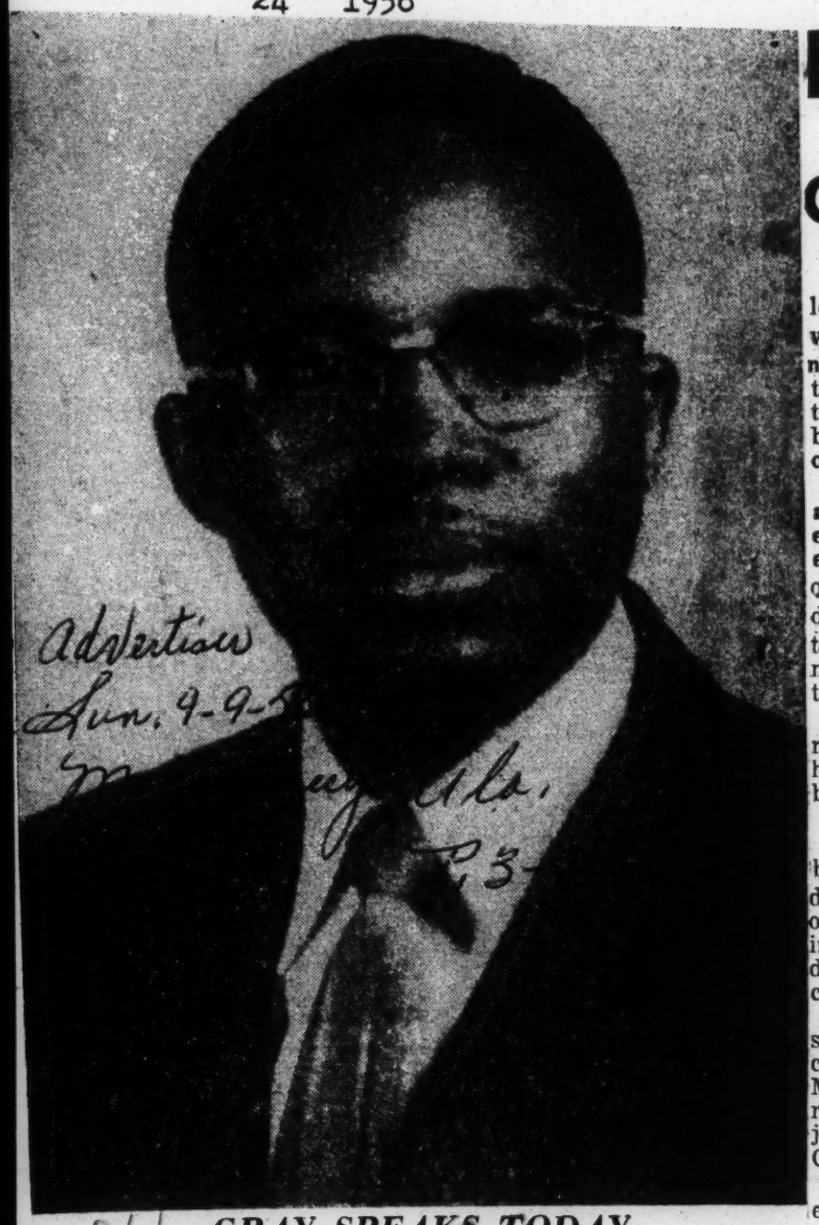

GRAY SPEAKS TODAY

Atty. Fred D. Gray will be Men's Day Prokram speaker at St. John AME Church, 3:30 p.m. today. He will be presented by Atty. Charles D. Langford. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Alabama Industrial School chorus; Antique Male Singers and Booker Washington School band. Prof. F. D. Burks will be master of ceremonies. Dr. Jefferson Underwood will state the occasion. Guest soloist will be Rogers Fryer. Dr. R. W. Hilson is pastor.

Boycott lawyer's deferment causes 9 in Ala. to resign

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Selective service officials here want to see bus boycott attorney, the Rev. Fred D. Gray, in the Army so bad they are quitting their jobs because he has been deferred by national draft officials.

This was apparent this week as nine more selective service employes resigned, several others were considering whether or not to quit and about half a dozen notes of protest were sent to Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director.

The 25-year-old minister was recently reclassified because of his work in the Montgomery bus boycott.

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THE REV. Mr. Gray had been directed to report for induction Sept. 17, but Hershey ordered the induction held up indefinitely because of new evidence Mr. Gray recently became a full time minister.

After twice refusing Hershey's request to reopen the case, three members of the Montgomery draft board No. 51 resigned and another quit to join the Alabama National Guard.

All of the persons who resigned reportedly did so in protest of the way Gray's case was handled, and apparently objected to his deferment from military service.

Gray has been an active attorney and spokesman for the long and effective Montgomery bus boycott.

ATTORNEY HONORED

Attorney Fred D. Gray, will be honored tonight in a program at Holt Street Baptist church beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Praise for Hershey

Three of the four members of Draft Board No. 51 in Alabama resigned last week.

They declined to reopen the case of the Rev. Fred D. Gray of Montgomery.

The Rev. Mr. Gray is both pastor and lawyer. He was granted a draft deferment as a pastor, reclassified and called for induction in the army, when as a lawyer, he represented the Montgomery bus boycotters.

At the time it was stated openly that this change in draft classification was designed to deprive the bus boycott movement of the services of one of the two colored attorneys in the city.

The Rev. Mr. Gray appealed to Selective Service headquarters in Washington and Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey ruled that the evidence warranted a rehearing.

When a draft board is unwilling to listen to the director of Selective Service, and he believes that the regulations are being abused, there are only two avenues left. One is for the board to reign, or to be asked to resign.

The Montgomery Board did now wait to be asked. It quit.

It would have been easy for General Hershey to yield to Alabama pressures and induct the Rev. Mr. Gray.

However, a principle is at stake. General Hershey is to be commended for his insistence upon fair and impartial application of Selective Service regulations.

Negro Attorney Loses PSC Case

Vernon Z. Crawford, of Mobile, first Negro attorney ever to appear before the Alabama Public Service Commission to plead a case, was unsuccessful.

Crawford represented Milton L. Dais, Mobile Negro, who asked permission to operate a trucking line out of Mobile. Appearing for white truckers who opposed the permit, a private detective testified Dais had already transported a load of products from Mobile into Baldwin County.

In denying the petition, the commission said the proposal would not be consistent with the public interest and not required by the present or future public convenience and necessity.

Fred Gray's Draft Status Under Review

WASHINGTON, May 25 (U.P.)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey today sent the draft status of a Negro lawyer involved in the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott to the Presidential Board of Appeals for review.

The lawyer, 25-year-old Fred D. Gray had been deferred from military service as assistant pastor of a Negro church, but was classified 1-A last February during the boycott.

He took his case to the Middle Alabama District Appeals Board which upheld a local board decision to put Gray in 1-A.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People then requested Hershey to look into Gray's draft status.

A spokesman for Selective Service said there was no discrepancy found in the local board's placing Gray in 1-A. He said the local board evidently felt Gray had abandoned his customary vocation of preacher to become a full-time lawyer.

Ala. Bus Boycott Lawyer To Wed

MONTGOMERY, Ala—Fred D. Gray, legal advisor for the Montgomery Improvement Association which is backing the bus boycott here, is scheduled to marry Bernice Ernestine [illegible] his secretary, on June 17

Miss Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Hill and the [illegible] ceremony will take place at Holt Street Baptist church. A reception will follow in the Derby Supper club.

Critical Lawyers

(From The Birmingham World)

In their seventy-ninth annual session, held here in Birmingham, the 300 or more delegates to the Alabama Bar Association unanimously adopted a resolution condemning the school desegregation decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court. In reading the newspaper account of the action, we gathered that the decision rather than the court was criticized. If our reading is correct, it is well to note this, Some notorious thought-control organizations have vigorously attacked the court and attempted to smear its members on religious and political grounds.

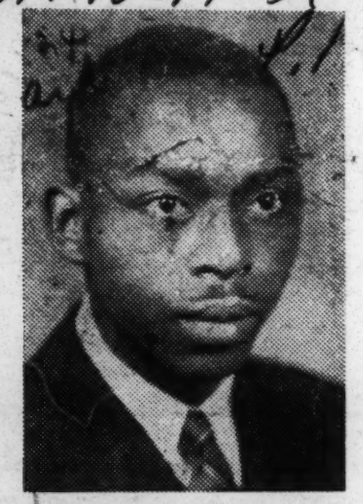
That the convention took such action without a recorded dissenting vote doubtless does not mean that every lawyer in Alabama, or better, every member of the Alabama Bar Association subscribes to the spirit and views of the resolution. Of course we have no way of knowing and are not interested in trying to find out.

The ABA delegates in their adopted pro-segregation resolution pledged "to contest' 'the basic May 17, 1954 ruling. It does not appear from the reported language of the resolution that there was in state defiance. This is again contrast with the thought-control leaders who announced their rebellion against the Supreme Court and also defiance fits racial ruling.

The legal profession no less than any profession is within its freedom rights to comment on and take a stand on any public question. The Supreme Court is the highest legal voice in the nation. How then can indulgence in embittered, emotional and prejudiced attacks on the Supreme Court enhance respect for the legal profession?

The position set forth in the ABA hold-on-to--segregation resolution is untenable in the light of the judicial doctrine of vital growth. It runs counter to the findings of the scholars of political history and constitutional law. It ignores the fact that some of the finest segregationist lawyers of the nation prepared the defense of the dual school system and could not make their arguments stand up in court. Segregation has not only had its day in court and lost but has been rejected at the bar of the national public opinion.

First Negro Grad State Law School Passes State Bar



Leroy H. Mahon, the first Negro graduate of the Arkansas law school, recently passed the Arkansas bar. Mr. Mahon first applied for admission to the school in 1951, but was refused. He later applied in 1953 and was admitted as a matter of regular routine and graduated in June of 1956.

The Arkansas law school is a private school located in Little Rock.

Mr. Mahon holds a B. A. degree from Philander Smith college, M. S. degree from the University of Arkansas, and is currently employed as political and commercial science instructor in Cotton Plant vocational hi school. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and a 32nd degree Mason. He will be associated with the firm of Booker & Booker in Little Rock.

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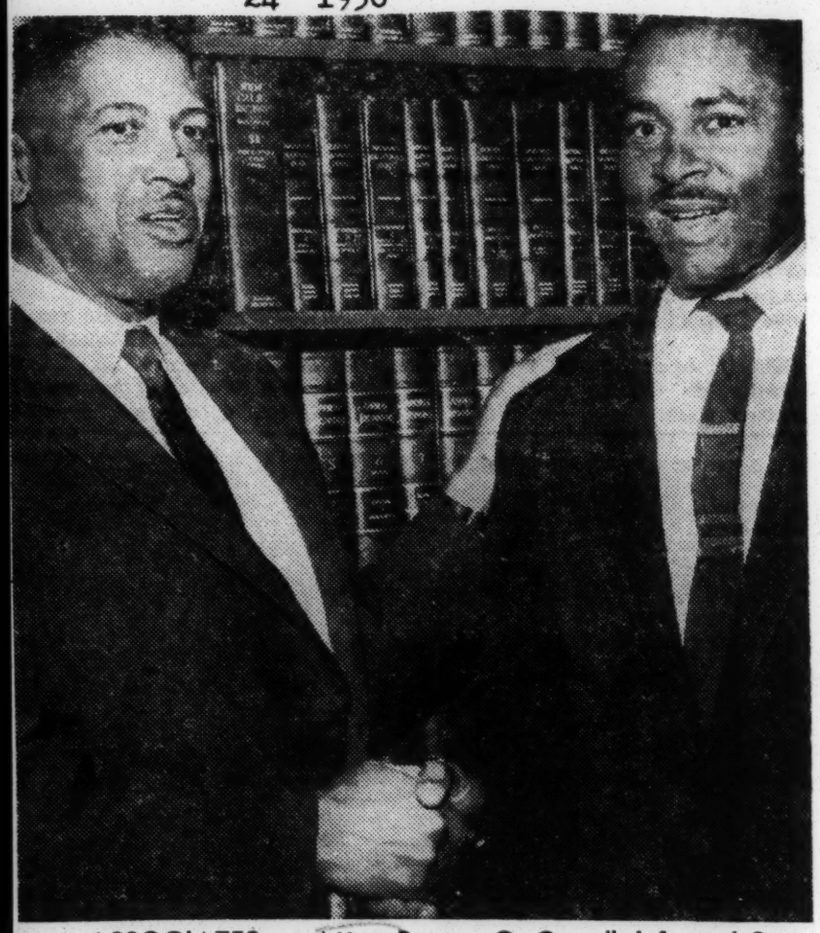

ASSOCIATES — Attys. Roscoe C. Carroll, left, and Samuel C. McMorris announce their association for the general practice of law at 2821 S. Western.

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Carroll, in addition to his private practice, is legal counsel for Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co. He has been at the Western avenue location for five years and is a graduate of Southwestern law school.

Los Angeles, Calif. Calif.

McMorris, former Los Angeles County deputy marshall, is a graduate of Ohio State where he was associate editor of the Law Journal. He passed the Ohio bar in 1950 and the California bar in 1954.

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Julia P. Cooper serves richest client in world

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WASHINGTON

Julia P. Cooper, brown-haired and pretty, is one attorney who serves the richest client in the world—the U.S. Government.

The only woman attorney of her race employed at the Justice Department, the five-feet, five, inch barrister finds work in the criminal divsion is never dull.

THOUGH UNCLE SAM is a more intangible client than one meets in active practice, yet there is a challenge.

"There are areas as yet unexplored," Mrs. Cooper explained.

She is in the office at 9 a.m., out at 5:30 p.m., and in-between she writes and does research for briefs to be filed before the Supreme Court, that awe-inspiring institution where she was admitted to practice a year ago.

"When I was admitted, it was the greatest thrill of my life. I'm almost ashamed to say that because it happens to so many others."

Her admission was moved by the then Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff.

"It was a wonderful feeling standing there..."

MRS. JULIA COOPER

Fayetteville, N.C. seems an unlikely hometown what with Julia's crisp clear speech.

After her hometown high school, there was Hampton Institute, and five years later, the Howard University School of Law.

"I had thought about law as a girl, but never seriously until after college graduation."

She served as attorney at the Office of Price Administration After that followed a year's stint in active practice, then back into government as a lawyer at the General Service Administration, and the transfer to Justice almost two years ago.

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CAREER GIRL and mother she finds little time for social affairs.

Mrs. Cooper likes flowers and has a rose garden which may eventually end up on canvas because oil painting too, is one of her hobbies.

Dabbing in oil is something new, and a change over from her first efforts in water-color.

She doesn't take her painting seriously, but finds it a diversion, and is trying landscaping.

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HER FIRST love was for the theatre. A member of the Little Theatre group at Hampton during college days, she looked on the practical side of life after graduation, and packed away her dreams of ever becoming an actress because of limited opportunities.

After 67 Years (Posthumously)

Courier P. 15

Gets His Degree!

Sat. 4-28-56

ATLANTA—A student who was dismissed from Atlanta University in his senior year for an infraction of the rules was awarded posthumously the Bachelor of Arts degree as of the class of 1889. The degree was voted by the board of trustees in their April meeting.

The student, Henry Lincoln Johnson, whom Atlanta University had already given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1920, was dismissed for smoking off campus.

Mr. Johnson, a lawyer, received his LL.B. from the University of Michigan in 1892. After practicing law in Georgia, he went to Washington, D. C., as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, a position he held from 1912 to 1916.

He was delegate at-large to the Republican National Convention four times between 1894 and 1916 and a member from Georgia of the Republican National Committee from 1920 to 1924. He was the author of "The Negro Under Wilson" which was published in 1912. Morris Brown College honored him with the degree of LL.D. in 1920.

Mr. Johnson died in Washington, D. C., Sept. 10, 1925.

Former Student Of Atlanta School Awarded Degree

Advertiser P. 2-B
Wed. 4-25-56
Washington, D.C.

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Bar Association Removes Ban on Negro Members

Star P. 1-B
Wed. 5-9-56
Washington, D.C.

Approval of Support Enforcement Law Is Also Voted

The District Bar Association has voted to end its barriers against Negro members.

A number of the 500 lawyers present last night voted against the bylaw change.

But Charles Rhyne, president of the association, ruled that a two-thirds majority approved the change in membership rules.

A voice vote approved the ruling by Mr. Rhyne that a two-thirds majority had been reached. The issue of Negro membership has come up in three previous referendums. The last two times more than a majority but less than two-thirds of those voting approved the bylaws amendment deleting the word "white" from the membership requirement.

A proposal by Paul L. Sweeney to hold a written ballot on the membership issue was defeated by voice vote.

Support Act Backed

In other action at its monthly meeting in the Mayflower Hotel, the District Bar Association voted support for the Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act.

This act is designed to deal with husbands or fathers who desert their families and go to another State.

Welfare departments often are hindered because court orders to persons that they support their families often apply only within a State or within a court's jurisdiction, said Lowry N. Coe, chairman of the committee on uniform State laws.

The support enforcement act, approved by the American Bar Associatoin, has been adopted in more than 40 States and territories but not in the District of Columbia.

Enforcement Made Easier

By mutual arrangements between States, under the support act courts may order support payments and provide for criminal and civil enforcement.

Mr. Coe declared that lack of reciprocal support legislation here slows crackdowns on "runaway" fathers in the District.

The District Bar Association also voted to defer action on a Hoover Commission proposal for establishment of an administrative court.

The majority committee report on the proposal, approved by the association, warned against "the growing tendency toward specialized bars."

Candidates in the association's elections were introduced at last night's meeting. Ballots will be mailed to members and results announced at the next meeting June 14. Mr. Rhyne said.

Bar Group Gets Negro Applications

Evening Star
Washington, D.C.

The District Bar Association has received its first list of Negro candidates for membership in the organization which recently dropped its requirement that all members be white.

Among 37 candidates 10 are Negro.

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These include Municipal Court Judge Armond W. Scott, James A. Cobb, former Municipal Court judge, and George E. C. Hayes, chairman of the District Public Utilities Commission.

Others are Hubert B. Pair, assistant corporation counsel; Elmer W. Henderson, counsel for the House Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization; Robert J. Harlan, Margaret A. Haywood, Belford V. Lawson, jr.; Frank D. Reaves and Charles W. Smith, all practising attorneys.

Their names will be placed before the District Bar Association's Admissions Committee tomorrow.

No Color of Law

Post + Times Herald

We warmly congratulate the District Bar Association on catching up with the present. The overwhelming vote to admit qualified Negro lawyers to membership rid the association of an outmoded caste distinction and brought it into the main current of community life. The District Bar Association will henceforth be, in full fact, the representative organization of Washington's legal profession—of the whole profession, not just an abritrarily selected portion of it. Its usefulness, effectiveness and prestige should be immeasurably enhanced.

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The dropping of the color barrier was not easily achieved, involving as it did the conquest of an ancient and entrenched prejudice. This conquest was achieved in the end by the devoted and determined efforts of association leaders who fought against it tirelessly and jogged the consciences of their colleagues. The commmunity has reason to be grateful to them. They have put the District Bar Association where it belongs—in the vanguard of the high calling it serves.

Attorneys Seek Membership In D.C. Group

Defender P. 3
Sat. 6-23-56
Chicago, Ill.

WASHINGTON — (INS) — Ten Negro attorneys are among the 37 candidates applying for membership in the District Bar Association. This was the first time that Negro candidates have had the opportunity to apply for membership in the former lily - white organization.

Since the organization voted recently to drop its bars against Negro members, the following prominent attorneys applied for membership:

Judge Armond W. Scott of the Municipal Court; former Municipal Court Judge James A. Cobb; George E. C. Hayes, chairman of the Public Utilities Commission; Hubert B. Pair, assistant corporation counsel; and Elmer V. Henderson, counsel for the House Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization.

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Ban Lifted

Post + Times Herald
Wash. D.C.
Thurs. 6-7-56

Bar Group To Consider 10 Negroes

Ten Washington Negro jurists and lawyers are candidates for membership in the District Bar Association, the first to be nominated and sponsored since the Association struck racial bars from bylaws last month.

Among those included in the unprecedented nominations are Municipal Court Judge Armond W. Scott; the man he succeeded on the bench, Judge James A. Cobb, and George E. C. Hayes, chairman of the District Public Utilities Commission.

The others are Assistant Corporation Counsel Hubert B. Pair; Elmer W. Henderson, counsel for the House Subcommittee on Executive and Legislative Reorganization; and practicing attorneys Robert J. Harlan, Margaret A. Haywood, Belford V. Lawson Jr., Frank D. Reeves and Charles W. Smith.

Lawson is chairman of the Juvenile Court Advisory Committee and was cited by the American Council on Human Rights in 1951, for his part in race segretation cases before the Supreme Court the previous year.

All are members of the Washington Bar Association, the Negro counterpart of the District Bar Association, and are among 37 candidates whose names will be placed before the District Bar Association's admissions committee at a meeting slated for Friday.

However, action by the association's new board of directors, expected to be named June 12, is not anticipated before the next regularly scheduled meeting in September, a spokesman for the association said.

Among numerous sponsors of the 10 Negro candidates were: Judge Walter M. Bastian of the United States Court of Appeals for the District; Corporation Counsel Vernon E. West and assistants Chester H. Gray and Milton D. Korman; Robert M. Weston, member of the District Public Utilities Commission; Gerhard P. Van Arkel; Charles E. Ford, Phineas Indritz, William T. Hannan and John Alexander.

The Bar Association's action on May 8 which eliminated the requirement that all members be "white," came after three previous attempts had failed to bring affirmative action from the membership.

It was a voice vote with more than the necessary two thirds of the 600 members present in favor of eliminating the restriction.

The association's action removed the possibility of future anomalies such as the testimonial dinner tendered to Judge Scott last September at a time when the judge, completing 20 years on the bench, was not permitted to be a member of the honoring association.

BAN ON NEGROES ENDED

Washington Bar Group Votes to Admit Members of Race

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, May 9—The District of Columbia Bar Association has opened its membership to Negro lawyers for the first time.

At a meeting of more than 300 members last night, a motion to strike the word "white" from the by-laws was passed by an overwhelming voice vote. This ended a five-year fight on the issue.

Three times since 1950 an amendment to admit Negroes had been submitted to the association membership in referendums. Each time the amendment narrowly failed of the necessary two-thirds vote. The vote last night was taken under a new rule eliminating the need for a referendum to change the by-laws.

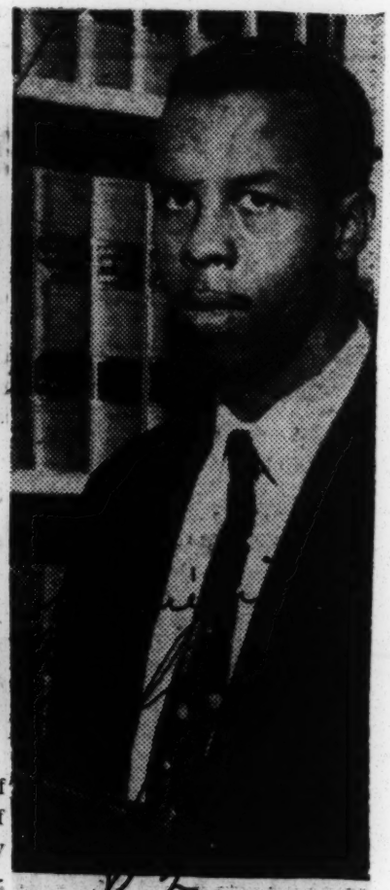
Lone Negro Girl Receives Law Degree

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

L. MARGARET HOWARD

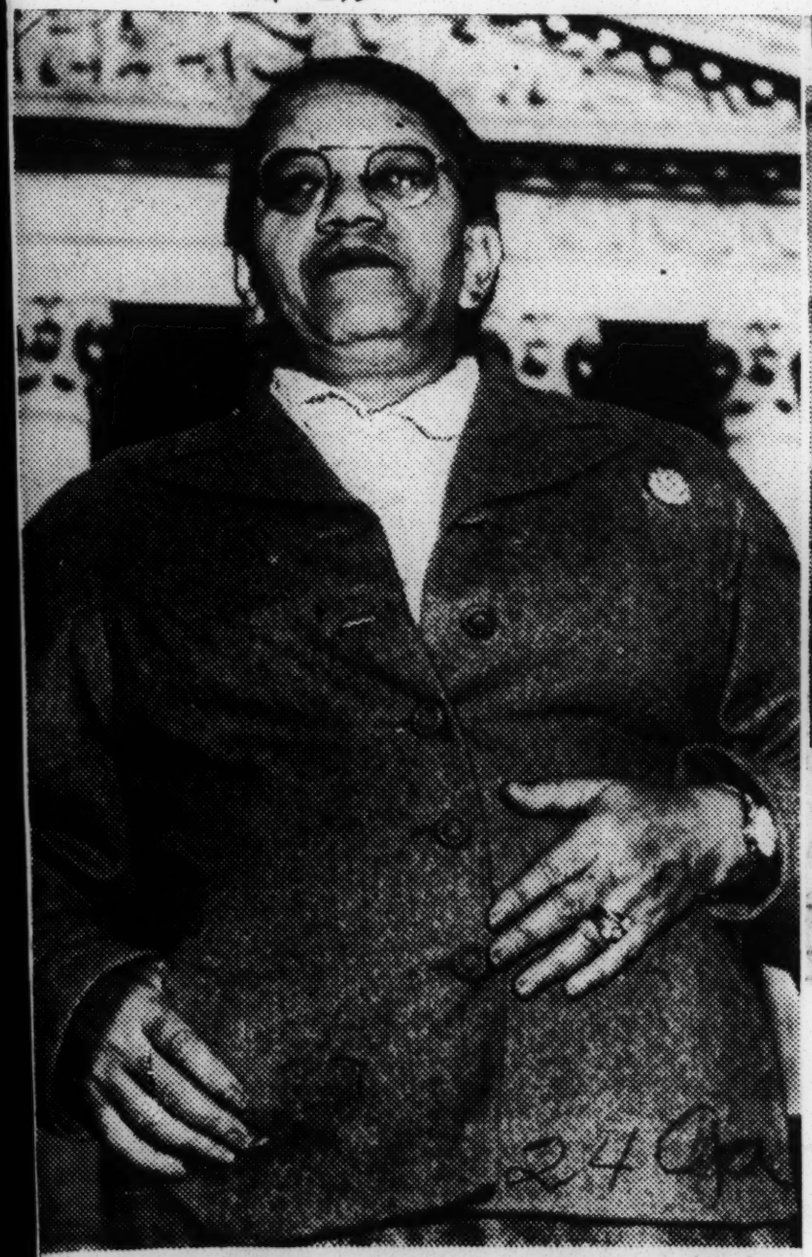
L. Margaret Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Howard of St. Petersburg, Florida, was the only Negro to be awarded an L.L.B. Degree from American University Washington College of Law in the June graduating class.

Miss Howard is a product of Williston High School, Wilmington, North Carolina; class of 1942. In 1945, Miss Howard received a certificate in Business Administration from A. & T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina, and in 1948 an A.B. Degree in Commercial Teachers Education from Kentucky State College.



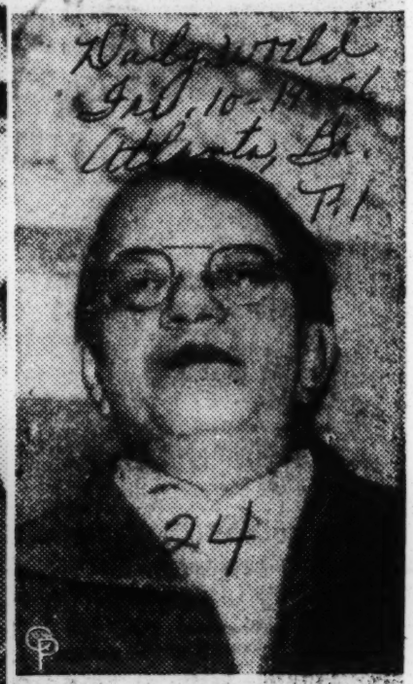
Passes Fla. Bar—

Alphonso McGee of Tallahassee, the first male graduate of the Florida A. and M. University College of Law, recently passed the Florida Bar Association examination.



ANOTHER 'FIRST' -- Georgia's first Negro woman lawyer, Mrs. R. Pruden Herndon, is shown leaving the Supreme Court building in Washington where she was recently admitted to practice. Mrs. Herndon has been a practicing lawyer in Atlanta for 13 years. (NewsPress Photo.)

High Court Practice



MRS. R. PRUDEN HERNDON, Georgia's first woman Negro lawyer, is shown in Washington after she was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Mrs. Herndon has been practicing law in Atlanta for 13 years. *(International)*

Supreme Court Accredits Atlanta Negro Woman

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15 (UP)—Mrs. R. Pruden Herndon, Negro lawyer from Atlanta, was admitted today to practice before the Supreme Court.

Her sponsor, a Washington Negro lawyer, told the court she was the first Georgia "woman of color" to be admitted.

Mrs. Herndon told newsmen she was the first woman of her race admitted to the Georgia bar and the first to practice before the state Supreme Court and federal district court in Georgia.

Daily World
Fri. 1-27-56
P. 1
Atlanta, Ga.

THREE ATLANTA ATTORNEYS, with 30 years of practice have been honored by the Gate City Bar Association with citations. The Gate City Bar Association, composed of 20 Negro lawyers presented citations to Atty. A. T. Walden and T. W. Holmes, who have practiced since 1912, and T. J. Henry, who has practiced since 1923. The citation scroll was inscribed "An Award of Honor for Outstanding Service as a Lawyer." Shown in picture are left to right: Atty. J. E. Salter, T. J. Henry, T. W. Holmes, A. T. Walden and S. B. Wright, Jr., all recipients of the awards are still in active practice. — (Photo by Alexander Adams)

Bar Association Meets At Home Of Attorney Hollowell

Meeting of the Gate City Bar Association was held at the home of Atty. and Mrs. David L. Hollowell of Dale Creek Dr., last Monday.

Plans were discussed for a big project, however, nature of the project was not disclosed. It is expected to be announced sometime in the near future.

An auditor's report for the association revealed that more than 90 percent of its budget is spent for charitable programs.

A social hour followed the business session. Among those present were Atty. and Mrs. A. T. Walden, Dr. and Atty C. Clayton Powell, Mrs J. W. Hawkins, Atty. and Mrs. J E Slater, Atty. and Mrs. T. J. Henry, Dr. and Atty. J H Birnie, Atty and Mrs. W. M. Mathews, Atty and Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Jr. Atty. R. P. Herndon, W. E. Crowder Atty. E. S. D'Antignace, Miss Martha Lews, Atty. S. B. Wright, Mrs. Ruth Martin of Boley, Okla.; Atty H. L. Broughton, Atty C. M. Clayton and Atty. S. S. Robinson.

Presiding at the meeting was Atty Wright, Jr. president.

Courier Sat. 1-28-56 P. 18
Pittsburgh, Pa.

BROTHERS MEET—The Booker brothers from various parts of the USA were in town during the holidays. Gathered at the home of the James Browns in Drexel Avenue, the family held an impromptu reunion. Pictured above are Dr. Walter M. Booker, Washington, D. C.; Atty. J. R. Booker, Little Rock; Atty. William A. Booker, Chicago; Atty. James H. Booker and Mrs. William A. Booker, Chicago.—Morgan Photo.

William Henry Huff Recovers

Daily World P.23
Thurs. 6-7-56 Atlanta Ga.

William Henry Huff, Chicago attorney who became ill on a recent visit to Atlanta is reported completely recovered. Huff, a former native of this state went to Chicago almost fifty years ago and became famous in a sort of Horatio Alger-like rise to fame and success. After leaving a Georgia farm in 1908, he subsequently became famous as a song writer, a pharmacist, realtor, author and lawyer. He gained national fame as an NAACP attorney in the Emmet Till case.

We are happy that the battler for Civil Rights is now back on the firing line.

Robert Tucker

Defender P.3

Joins Law Firm

Sat. 6-16-56

Robert L. Tucker, graduate of Northwestern university school of law, has joined the firm of Moore, Ming and Leighton, with offices at 123 W. Madison st.

Chicago Ill.

Atty. Tucker, who is 27, is also a graduate of Tennessee State university. He was admitted to the bar of the State of Illinois on last May 24. He lives with his wife and daughter at 1423 E. 69th pl.

While a student at Northwestern, Tucker was class secretary-treasurer, justice and the first Negro member of Fuller chapter of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity.

SU Law School's First Woman Lawyer Receives Her Degree On June 12

An attractive 23-year-old Crowley, La., co-ed became the first female graduate of the Southern university law school last week and bids fare to be the only Negro woman lawyer in Louisiana come June 12, according to an announcement from the university.

Miss Mary Gloria Wilson, who received her Bachelor of Arts degree from SU in 1953 with cum laude honors, completed a three-year law course May 28th with, according to a university official, a "very high average."

During her freshman year as a law student, Miss Wilson distinguished herself by maintaining an outstanding record winning the J. S. Clark Memorial Scholarship award given by the Faculty of the SU law school.

Upon completion of her work, she was voted to receive the Baker-Voorhies Law Book Company.

award comprising of a set of books valued at $135. Miss Wilson's record entitled her to a scholarship during her entire law student career.

Swearing in ceremony to the Louisiana Bar will be held June 12 in New Orleans.

She is a graduate of Crowley Industrial high school and resides at 820 West 6th Street.

Woman Atty. Takes Oath

BATON ROUGE, La.—A new first was established in Louisiana Tuesday when Miss Mary Gloria Wilson, the first Southern University female Law School graduate, was admitted to the Louisiana bar. Attractive, talented and a native of Crowley, Miss Wilson, 23, resides at 820 West Sixth St., there. At 20, she was graduated from Southern with a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude.

She entered the Southern Law School in September, 1953, and in the freshman year distinguished herself by winning the J. S. Clark memorial faculty scholarship. Upon completion of her work, she had won the university scholarship for three years. She also won the Baker Voorhies Law Book Company Award. This is a set of Williston on Contracts books valued at $135.

The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Louisiana bar in New Orleans.

Mary Gloria Wilson, a native of Crowley, La., is the first Southern University female graduate to be admitted to the bar in Louisiana. A Southern cum laude graduate, Miss Wilson maintained a scholastic record in the law school which entitled her to a three-year university scholarship.

Louisiana First—

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ATTY. ALEXANDER LOOBY

Nashville citizens honor legal warrior

Afro-American Sat. 2-25-56
P. 17 Baltimore, Md.

By W. A. REED JR.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Z. Alexander Looby, famed nationally for his civil rights legal victories was honored Monday night at Tennessee State A and I. University.

Mr. Looby, one of the two Nashville Colored city councilmen, was cited by the Tennessee branch of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History as "an outstanding citizen and Christian gentleman.

"The NAACP national counsil declared his intention to continue the fight he has waged against segregation regardless of personal threats received "as long as breath is left in the body."

Mr. Looby was honored especially for:

1) His action in the Anderson County school integration;

2) The Columbia riot (Columbia, Tenn.);

3) The lowering of racial bars at Nashville's airport restaurant;

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4) HIS SUCCESSFUL fight to equalize teachers salaries in Nashville.

(5) The current suit for integrating the local school system now pending in Nashville;

(6) The successful integration of the city's golf courses (Monday first day of integration at all Nashville links);

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SPEAKER AT the banquet was the Bishop Bertram W. Doyle, Nashville, of the CME Church.

A scroll, prepared by Miss Frances Thompson, art director at Tennessee A and I State University, was presented to Mr. Looby by C___ Jackson, principal of Carter-Lawrence School.

Mr. Looby is a member of Lee Chapel AME Church, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, national council of the NAACP, the National Lawyers Guild, the National Bar Association and the Agora Assembly.

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HE WAS graduated from Howard University with an AB degree in 1922; received his LL.B degree from Columbia University in 1925 and an SJD degree from New York University in 1926.

He teaches medical jurisprudence at Meharry Medical College and was the founder of the Kent Law School in Nashville.

More than 200 guests were present.

Afro-American P.17 Sat. 2-25-56
Baltimore, Md.

PRESENTATION—Oscar Jackson, left, principal of Carter-Lawrence school holds scroll which was presented to Z. Alexander Looby, NAACP legal counsel and Nashville city councilman, recently at Tennessee A. and I. University. Left to right, Mr. Jackson, Dr. Merl W. Eppe, Mr. Looby and the Rt. Rev. Bertram W. Doyle, bishop of the CME Church and principal speaker at the banquet honoring Mr. Looby.

24 1956 MARYLAND

He Indicted The Mayor!

When gambling and prostitution took over the big city, Hugh Macbeth put on a one-man crusade.

Indicted along with the mayor were the editor of a daily paper and 20 other henchmen of both races.

Forty-three years ago Hugh Macbeth arrived in Los Angeles, California.

Born in Charleston, S.C., second in a family of 12 children, he had been educated at Fisk, earned his law degree at Harvard Law School.

When he finished college his father had established a photographic business in Baltimore. So, when he finished his education he came to Baltimore, too, and mixed his practice of the law with the establishment of the weekly newspaper, "The Baltimore Times."

IN THE campaign of 1912 he was an assistant in conducting the Presidential campaign of Theodore Roosevelt.

What he saw in Baltimore gave him some concern. Vice in the colored areas, he discovered, was a result of that strange combination of poverty, ignorance, and criminal political corruption.

Gambling and prostitution flourished because there the politicians supported one man as a vice king who saw to it that they got their "cut" on every establishment and, in addition, was strong enough to prevent the police from enforcing city ordinances.

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HUGH MACBETH looked around Baltimore and found no one willing to come to his aid so he left 43 years ago for Los Angeles.

This was in the West. This big California city had only half the population it has now but it was a new country. There is no difference, however, between vice in Los Angeles and that in Baltimore.

At 29 Hugh Macbeth thought he had enough experience and knowhow to launch a long scale vice and graft cleanup in the Central Avenue colored district.

He took off his gloves and went to work and after a 6 year struggle, the Grand Jury returned an indictment of the mayor, the political editor of a daily newspaper, and 20 other henchmen of both races from all walks of life.

A successful one-man crusade, perhaps the first of its kind in the country for a colored man, is all in the Superior Court Records, File No 14161 of Los Angeles County.

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HUGH MACBETH always had his hands in something interracial. His associates were Mexicans, Syrians, Japanese and American attorneys.

He assisted in the initiation of the Latin American conference which resulted in the Mexican government taking over its own oil properties.

He counted among his friends Ghandi and Nehru of India, Mme. Sun Yet Sen of China, and President Cortines of Mexico.

Wherever he went he set up and incorporated interracial good neighbor organizations.

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HE COULD have passed as a white or a colored man but he preferred to be colored.

He saw his people suffering from race prejudice, unfair employment practices, and all kinds of disadvantages resulting from tricks, devices of trade, custom and legal procedures.

For himself he took the pledge, "I refuse to take for myself anything that I would not concede under the same circumstances, to the last forgotten man, woman or child on the face of the earth, trades, customs and legal procedures to the contrary notwithstanding."

If colored fighters may perform without discrimination in the Hollywood Legion Stadium, it is because Hugh Macbeth took their case to court.

HUGH MACBETH — As he looked in 1942. He hated vice and determined to do something.

He was Past Exalted Ruler among the Elks. He spent his 72nd birthday on October 14 among devoted friends in Mexico and a week later he died. He was buried beside his father, Arthur Macbeth, in Rosedale Cemetery.

HUSBAND AND Wife Team—Barbara Sims, a graduate of Buffalo State Teachers college and the University of Buffalo Law school, is pictured with her husband, William, who was admitted to the bar in 1951. Mrs. Sims, the first Negro woman graduate of the law school, was admitted to the bar in March. The partnership will be known as Sims and Sims, attorneys at law.

U.S. BAR ACCUSED ON RACIAL QUERY

Harlem Lawyers Call Group's Application Discriminatory —A Denial Is Issued

A group of Negro lawyers here are urging attorneys not to join the American Bar Association because of asserted race discrimination.

A resolution of the Harlem Lawyers Association declares that the American Bar Association's requirement of race designation on its membership application blanks "is an insult to the dignity of being a lawyer."

The resolution asserts "there is no justification for the question of race" and that the requirement "can only serve as a criterion of exclusion." It calls for striking the question of race from the application blanks and urges "every American lawyer to refrain from seeking membership in the American Bar Association until such question is stricken."

The action by the Harlem group came in the midst of a campaign by the American Bar Association to enroll 50,000 new members.

At the national organization's headquarters in Chicago yesterday a spokesman denied that the association practiced race discrimination among applicants for membership. He cited an announcement made by E. Smythe Gambrell of Atlanta, Ga., president of the national association, at the start of its membership drive last Nov. 2. He quoted Mr. Gambrell as saying:

"We want every American lawyer in good standing to be an active member of the American Bar Association. Our profession exists for the benefit of the public and must justify its existence by its service to the public. There is no room for snobbishness in the national organization of the legal profession."

Question on Blank 78 Years

The spokesman declared that the question on race had been on the American Bar Association's membership application blanks since the organization was founded seventy-eight years ago. Qualified Negro lawyers, he said, have been admitted to the national organization "for a great many years." He added he was fairly sure that the number of Negro members ran "in the hundreds."

He said that when the association started its membership drive last November it had 58,000 members and that since then an estimated 25,000 new members had been enrolled. More than 100 Negro members were admitted throughout the country last year, he declared.

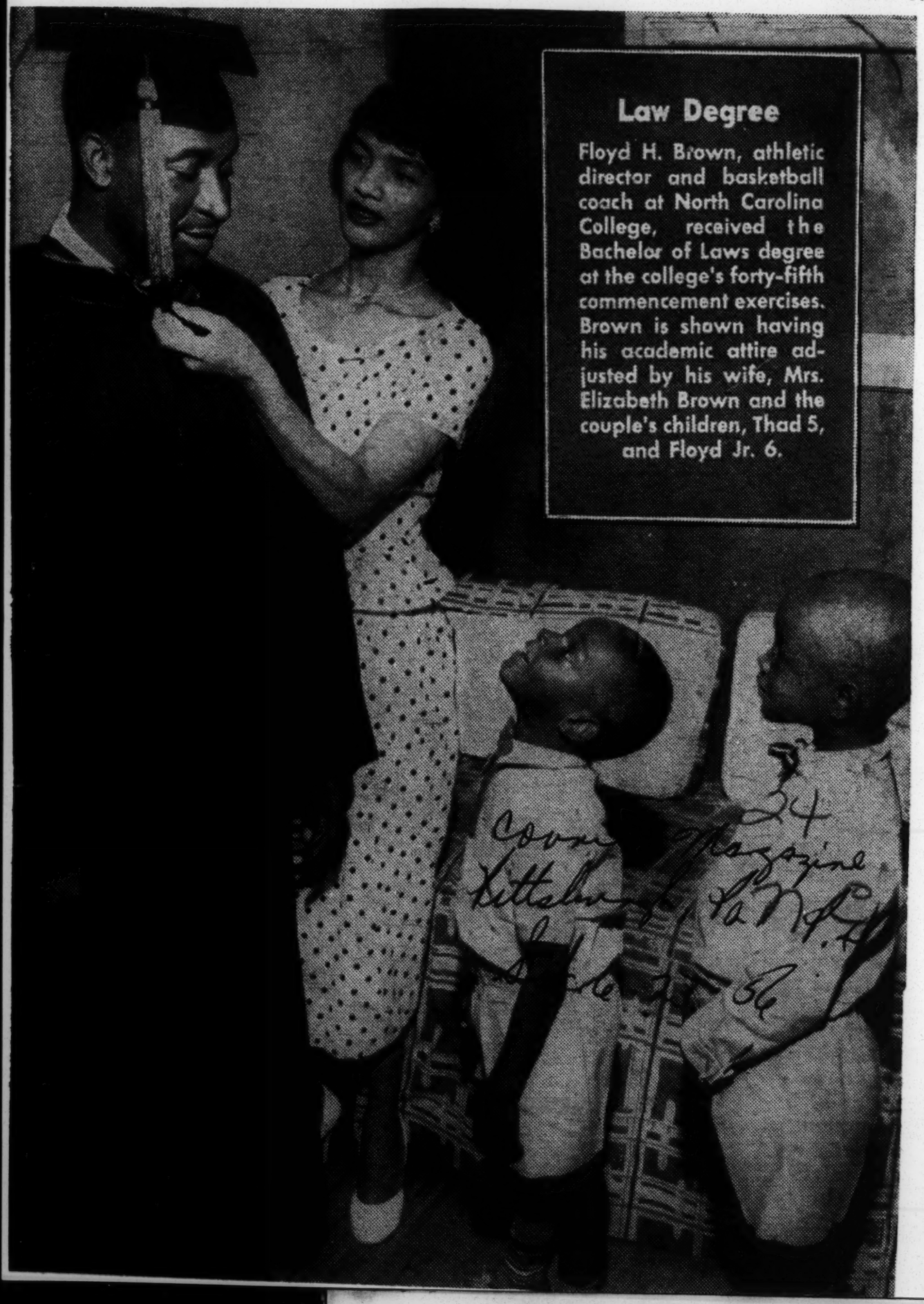
Lawrence R. Bailey, president of the Harlem Lawyers Association, said his group had passed its resolution at a meeting last Monday. He said the organization, with headquarters at 261 West 125th Street, had 300 members and that all but about a dozen were Negroes.

Paul B. De Witt, executive secretary of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, said his organization did not require a race designation on its application blanks. The local group, he added "has tried for many years to get the American Bar Association to remove that question."

Louisville Atty. Named To State Board

Frankfort, Ky. Jan. 16 — Harry S. McAlpin, prominent Louisville attorney, has been appointed a referee for the State Workmen's Compensation Board by Oscar J. Coke, commissioner of industrial relations. McAlpin is the first Negro to hold the position.

Honored — Top-ranking Israel government officials attended a reception by the Israel executive of the World Jewish Congress in honor of New York Judge Hubert Delaney, visiting in Tel Aviv.



Law Degree

Floyd H. Brown, athletic director and basketball coach at North Carolina College, received the Bachelor of Laws degree at the college's forty-fifth commencement exercises. Brown is shown having his academic attire adjusted by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and the couple's children, Thad 5, and Floyd Jr. 6.

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Atty. Dones to Open Offices in Tulsa; Admitted to Bar Tues.

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Tulsa, Okla.

Kenneth D. Dones, a fall semester graduate of the Washburn University School of Law Topeka, Kansas, will open law offices in Tulsa at 123 1-2 North Greenwood avenue.

Mr. Dones completed the Oklahoma Bar examination on March 17, receiving notification of results Saturday. He was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar association Tuesday at Oklahoma City.

A native of Flint, Mich., Mr. Dones was graduated from Flint Central high school in that city. He received the A. B. degree from Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., in 1949.

Attorney Dones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robertson of Flint. He is married to the former Miss Edwyna Goodwin. They have two daughters, Kathie, 4, and Jenni, 2. The Doneses will reside at 619 North Elgin place.

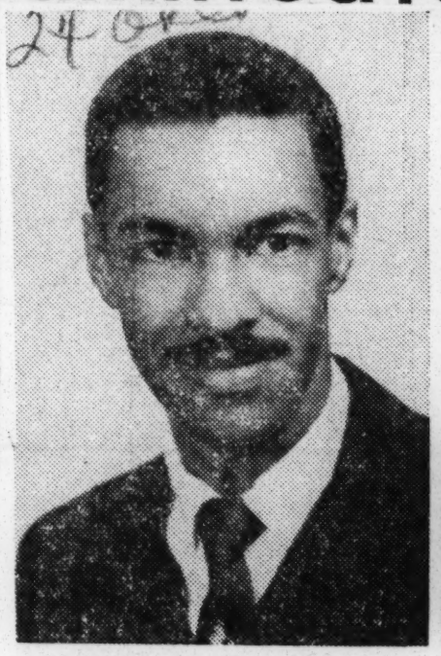
He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Mrs. Dones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Goodwin, Sr., of Alsuma Road, was recently appointed president and treasurer of The Oklahoma Eagle Publishing company, of which her father is publisher. In addition to these duties she is society editor for the paper. She has worked as a member of the Eagle staff at intervals since 1946.

Also a graduate of Fisk, Mrs. Dones received her B. A. degree in 1950. She is a 1946 graduate of the Booker T. Washington High school.

While at Topeka with her husband, Mrs. Dones was employed with the State Department of Social Welfare and the Menninger Foundation. She also worked for Radio Station WREN at different periods, with a one-half hour show entitled "Sleepy Time Ga'.l' Mrs. Dones read poetry set to music during the shows.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dones are members of the St. Thomas Episcopal church, where Father Cecil H. Cowan is rector.



Atty. Kenneth D. Dones

Edwyna G. Dones

The News in Review

By WILLIAM G. NUNN

A Negro U. S. Supreme Court Justice? Why Not!

For ten years, this newspaper has carried on an unceasing campaign for the appointment of a Negro to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago, the idea was fantastic. But last week, a white man, Chief Judge William H. Denham of the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco, said he had urged President Eisenhower to appoint Judge William H. Hastie of the U. S. Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, to the post.

On Oct. 15, this year, there will be an opening on the highest court. On that day, Justice Sherman Minton of Indiana will resign.

Other minority groups have had representation. We have the qualified men.

We believe that this action should be taken as still another demonstration of our democracy in action.

Among those men (not all of them with judicial background) are Judge Hastie, Judge Irvin C. Mollison, Judge Herbert Millen, Judge Perry Jackson, the Hon. James M. Nabrit, the Hon. Thurgood Marshall, Judge Homer Brown, Judge Francis E. Rivers.

There are scores of others . . . but these names come to us in review.

Miss Turner sworn in as U.S. attorney

PHILADELPHIA

MISS MABEL G. TURNER

A precedent was set when Miss Mabel G. Turner took the oath as the first woman assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The post carries a $5,000 yearly salary.

Following announcement of her appointment by Attorney-General Herbert Brownell Jr., Miss Turner was sworn into office by District Judge John W. Lord Jr.

Miss Turner, a graduate of the Portia Law School in Boston, maintains her office at 1735 W. Erie Ave. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in science from the University of Pennsylvania.

At one time she was a law clerk with Judge Herbert E. Millen of the Municipal Court.

Before embarking on a legal career, Miss Turner was a social worker with the State Board of Public Assistance. Prior to that, she taught school in Raleigh and Greensboro, N.C.

She is vice-president of the Business and Professional Women's Club; a member of the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission; the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia, and the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations.

"I'm so thrilled I can hardly believe its real yet," Miss Turner said of her appointment. She was sworn in at 9:30 a.m., Thursday.

L. CARLETON KNOX, Pittsburgh, recently passed the tough written and oral examinations to gain a doctorate in public and international law at the University of Paris. To show how tough it was, out of the 34 who took the written exam, only 10 were admitted to the orals and only eight got by the finals. Knox was the only American to finish in the 13 sections of law. He passed the written May 11, and the oral on May 29.

Lawyer will appeal fine for contempt

PHILADELPHIA

Cecil B. Moore, an attorney with offices in Commercial Trust Building, stated this week that he will appeal the $50 fine levied upon him Friday by Municipal Court Judge Keller H. Gilbert on a contempt of court charge.

The charge grew out of Moore continuously objecting to what he termed as "hearsay" and his late appearance in court.

Moore was representing Vernon Ervin in a robbery case in Room 676, City Hall, on Nov. 10. Instead of ruling on all of the objections, Judge Gilbert admonished him to "stop bickering."

The attorney was overruled in a move for mistrial. Judge Gilbert adjourned court until Tuesday afternoon.

Citing the "excessive" amount of objections and the lateness, Judge Gilbert informed Moore of the charge and the fine. He then declared a mistrial.

Moore had 30 days in which to appeal.

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Wilmington citizens fete DC's Judge Armond Scott

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By EUNICE B. KIRTON

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Over 225 persons attended a citywide testimonial dinner meeting at Community Boys Club Friday night in honor of Judge Armond Scott of the Washington, D.C., Municipal Court bench.

The program included: Invocation, Dr. G. D. Carnes, grand master of the Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina;

T. C. Jervay, founder and retiring president of the Business and Professional Men's Club, sponsors of the testimonial dinner.

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MUSIC WAS offered by the Williston Senior High School choral group directed by Mrs. M. Constance O'Dell; Pat George retiring secretary, related the club history.

Awards were presented to Beecher Adkins, Robert Chestnut and Derrick Davis by W. F. Childs, retiring second vice president.

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NEW OFFICERS were installed by the Rev. B. H. Baskerville, pastor of Chestnut Street Baptist Church, and Johnnie W. Thompson president-elect reponded.

Testimonials to Judge Scott were made by Dr. F. W. Avant for the "citizens at large;" R. R. Bond, attorney, for the legal profession; Dr. L. W. Upperman, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity; the Rev. Edwin E. Kirton., rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church;

Mrs. Dorothy A. Barnes, the business world; the Rev. E. A. Armstrong, the Alumni Association of Johnson C. Smith University.

Judge Scott spoke on the subject "The Influence of the Negro's Struggles in Shaping the American Judicial System."

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NEW OFFICERS of the club are: Johnnie W. Thompson, pres., Dr. H. A. Eaton, first vice pres., Robert Treant, second vice pres.; Dr. James E. Washington, executive sec'y; Robert R. Chestnut, treas.; James L. Evans, recording sec'y and T. C. Jervay, chairman of the executive board.

The judge's itinerary included a visit to the Williston Senior High School where he spoke to an assembly and later a visit to the courts that were in session.

He was also entertained with a smoker by the Wilmington Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The judge is a member of Kappa and holder of the Laurel Wreath, the highest national award for achievement.

While here, he and Mrs. Scott were guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Scott.

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A BRIDGE PARTY honoring Mrs. Scott was sponsored by the woman's auxiliary of St. Mark Episcopal Church on Saturday in Jackson Hall.

Mrs. Robert H. Scott, sister-in-law of the honoree, presided at the punch bowl.

Entertaining Mrs. Scott were Mesdames Frank W. Avant, Harry Chandler, James Smith, Emma Wood, Eliza Gummer, William McLaurin, Lee A. Shelton, George Abraham, Sarah Williams;

Mesdames Lawrence King, Mamie G. Williams, Martha Smith, George Shedrick, Frederick Graham, Matthew Foreman;

Mesdames R. Irving Boone, Isaac J. Miller, Curtis Stevenson, Alfred Allen, Harry Turner, Wendell Telfair and the Misses Lillian Shober, Mozelle McGhee, and Mildred Johnson of Phila, Pa.

Hostesses were Mesdames Hattie Bellamy, Harriett Colt, Rufus Dickey, Ernest Swain and Edwin E. Kirton, auxiliary president.

The judge and Mrs. Scott were extended dinner courtesies by Dr. and Mrs. Frank W. Avant, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Jervay.

JUDGE ARMOND SCOTT

RETIREMENT GIFT—Judge Armond Scott (center) receives gold watch from Charles H. Rhyne, president, Bar Association of the District of Columbia, at testimonial held in his honor on Friday afternoon in Municipal Court. Charles E. Ford looks on.

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Judge Scott Is Sad

Baltimore, Md.

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

"I want it to be understood that I have not yet retired."

Municipal Judge Armond W. Scott made the statement, Friday, as he sat on the bench in Municipal Courtroom 212, but not as the presiding judge.

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The fiery jurist, noted for his sage remarks and whip-lash humor, was guest at a testimonial given by the all white D.C. Bar Association, honoring his 20 years service on the bench.

GIVEN AN opportunity to speak after praise was lavished upon him by fellow-jurists and attorneys, Judge Scott rose slowly, looked out over the full courtroom and said:

"I have become saddened on this occasion."

Raising himself to full height, he suddenly roared:

"It's too much like a funeral. I want it to be understood that I have not yet retired. And I'm going to be here to welcome the man who succeeds me to the bench.

"After that," he added amid laughter, "I'll still be here 90 days out of every year."

Judge Scott's often-publicized retirement was scheduled last July 17 when he completed 20 years service the day after his 82nd birthday.

But when President Eisenhower failed to name a successor before Congress adjourned for the summer, it was speculated that he would be retired when Congress re-convened in January. All judges in the District must be confirmed by the Senate.

To date, no successor has been named, although five candidates are known to be seeking the post. post.

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CONCLUDING, Judge Scott, in apparent reference to the philosophy he has followed on the bench, told the court:

"You cannot bridle the tongue

"You cannot conquer the will

"You cannot make me hate man

"For man's my brother still."

Among those present were judges of the Municipal Court, and the Municipal Court of Appeals. Chief Municipal Judge Leonard Walsh, presided.

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PRESENTED AN engraved watch by the body, Judge Scott was described by Charles S. Rhyne, president of the association as "very human, a great lawyer, and a great judge."

Judge Nathan Clayton, chief judge of the Municipal Court of Appeals, said it was a "signal honor to have served side by side with Judge Scott." District Judge Richmond B. Keech told of his long friendship with the jurist.

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AMONG THOSE who could not attend, but who congratulated Judge Scott in telegrams were Chief District Judge Bolitha Laws; District Judge Frank Myers; Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) and Municipal Judge Thomas C. Scalley.

Master of ceremonies was Charles Ford, attorney and president of the Bar Association committee on arrangements.

Special guests were Mrs. Annie Scott, wife of Judge Scott; Armond Scott, Jr., his son; Armond 3rd, and Julia Scott, his grandchildren; Dr. E. Scott, Philadelphia, his brother; Father Dillard Brown, Clarence Simpson, Ambassador from Liberia; Richard Atkinson, president, National Bar Association, and Dr. William Strassner, president, Shaw University.

'I'm going to stay here,' says Scott

Afro-American

Baltimore Md.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Judge Armond W. Scott, Washington Municipal Court Judge, is "going to stay right here and enjoy the fruits of the sacrifices I've made."

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This declaration came last week in a panel discussion, "Racial Integration," at the YWCA Coffee Hour on the Johns Hopkins University campus.

In this way, he replied to the assertion of George W. Williams, Democratic Senatorial candidate, who said:

"I UNDERSTAND there are several million colored people who would like to go back to Africa."

Other panelists, both against segregation, were: Rev. Richard Smith, pastor of St. Monica's Catholic Church, and Dr. Earl Moses, head of the Morgan College sociology department.

The amazing Judge Scott

(An Editorial)

WASHINGTON

The amazing Judge Armond W. Scott, after 20 years on the District bench and 55 years of service before the bar, apparently is not a man who looks to the past.

He told the AFRO this week: "I expect to be called back to the Municipal Court any day now. I can serve 90 days out of each year and will be ready when they call."

This statement is indicative of the calibre of the man. Last Friday night some 600 of the jurist's fellow citizens and court associates honored him with an elaborate testimonial dinner.

The affair was sponsored by a collection of the most outstanding organizations of the District, including the Bar Association. The guests, likewise, included many of the unquestioned leaders of the community.

Judge Luther Youngdahl of the U.S. District Court summed up the attitude of those honoring Judge Scott with these words:

"He has always demonstrated a great love for human beings. He is one of my warmest personal friends and always will be."

These words undoubtedly express the sentiments of all who know Judge Scott, either as a citizen or as a jurist.

However, Judge Leonard Walsh, chief jurist of the Municipal Court, apparently is more intimately acquainted with Judge Scott, the man, and his irrepressible spirit.

Said he: "The judge is not really retiring. He will be back with us 90 days out of the year for many years to come."

And now comes the judge to confirm he is not retiring, not by any stretch of the imagination.

"I expect to be called any day now. . . . I will be ready when they call."

Here, we submit, is a spirit to marvel at, a man to admire. Here is courage worthy of praise and an example of service and durability worthy of unstinting recognition.

Here is the amazing Judge Scott.

Dinner Honors Judge Scott's Long Service

Some 500 persons attended a testimonial dinner at the Willard Hotel last night honoring Judge Armond W. Scott of Municipal Court.

The dinner, given to commend Judge Scott for "long and exceptional service to the legal profession," was sponsored by several leading District organizations.

Sponsors Listed

They are the District Bar Association, the Washington Bar Association, the Federation of Civic Associations, the Bachelor-Benedict Club, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Pigskin Club of groups.

Judge Scott, a North Carolinian and a Roosevelt appointee to the Municipal Court, was lauded by the organizations as "a militant worker for common decency and human rights for all people." Rather than receive a gift, Judge Scott requested that the groups make contributions to the United Givers Fund.

Judges Among Guests

Among the guests were Judge Luther W. Youngdahl of United States District Court for the District of Columbia; Chief Judge Leonard P. Walsh of Municipal Court; Alphonse Williamson, Bachelor-Benedict Club president; George E. C. Hayes, chairman of the District Public Utilities Commission; Thomas M. Raysor, president of the District Bar Association; James G. Tyson, past president of the Pigskin Club.

Also, E. Lewis Ferrell, Washington Bar Association vice president.

JUDGE SCOTT HONORED—Municipal Court Judge Armond W. Scott (seated with Mrs. Scott) is congratulated by Chief Judge Leonard P. Walsh of Municipal Court at a testimonial dinner given in honor of Judge Scott at the Willard Hotel last night. The dinner was sponsored by several District organizations. —Star Staff Photo.

A group of lawyers attending the meeting of the Southern Bar Association June 15-16, in Pine Bluff, Ark. Reading from left to right Back Standing, Harold Flowers, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Thad Williams, Little Rock, Ark.; H. Anderson, Little Rock, Ark.; G. Howard, Pine Bluff, Ark.; W. Braton, Pine Bluff, Ark.; C. Davis, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Carsie Hall, Jackson, Miss. Center Standing, O. B. Gratham, Tulsa, Okla., H. B. Hatten, Ft. Worth, Tex.; W. L. Purifoy, Pine Bluff, Ark.; A. J. Steel, Nashville, Tenn.; Sidney Tharp, Jackson, Miss.; R. J. Brown, Vicksburg, Miss.; C. C. Muncy, Little Rock, Ark.; Theodore, Jones, Pine Bluff, Ark. Seated, A. A. Lenior, Dean Southern University Law School, Baton Rouge, La.; Amos Hall, Tulsa, Okla.; L. Pouncey, Kansas City, Mo.; Jack Young, Jackson, Miss.; J. J. Bruce, Oklahoma City, Okla.; B. J. Brown, Witcha, Kan.; Plumber, Houston, Tex.; J. R. Booker, Little Rock, Ark.; Lillard, Tenn. The group will hold its 1957 meeting in Jackson, Mississippi.

Southeast Bar Ass'n Meet Ends

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Nashville, Tenn.; Jack H. Young, Corsie A. Hall and Sidney A. Thorp, Jackson, and R. Jess Brown, Vicksburg, Miss.

The next meeting of the group will be held in May, 1957 in Jackson, Miss. Jack H. Young will serve as general chairman.

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GREETINGS—Atty. Robert E. Lillard, city councilman from Nashville, Tenn., greets M. W. Plummer, attorney, from Houston, Tex., as they gather for the first session of the 1956 convention of the Southwest Bar Association at Pine Bluff, Ark. Looking on is Atty. Oliver W. Johnson, San Antonio, Tex.

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BETTER HALVES—These are wives of visiting lawyers who attended the Southwest Bar Association Convention in the Student Union Building at Arkansas A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Ark. Left to right: Mmes. George Howard Jr., Wiley A. Branton, M. W. Plummer, Robert E. Lillard, Benjamin H. Brown and Oliver W. Jackson.

LADY LAWYER ARRIVES—Harold Flowers, Pine Bluff attorney, greets Atty. Leona Pouncey of Kansas City, Mo., as she arrives by plane for the 1956 convention of the Southwest Bar Association. Facing the camera at right, bottom, is Mrs. Wiley A. Branton, wife of Pine Bluff attorney, Wiley A. Branton.

Vow Full Support Of Court Edict at Pine Bluff Parley

Courier Pittsburgh Pa Sat. 6-30-56

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—The 16th annual convention of the Southwest Association closed its two-day meeting at the Student Union Building, AM&N College, here with lawyers from eight states in attendance. The Southwest Bar Association is made up of Negro lawyers from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas and Missouri.

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The group voted to mobilize the organizational strength of all Negro lawyers in the southern states, and pledged themselves to work for full implementation of all United States Supreme Court decisions.

Harold Flowers, Pine Bluff attorney, was elected president of the association. Other officers elected during the closing session were Mrs. Leona H. Pouncey, Kansas City, Mo., vice president; M. W. Plummer, Houston, Tex., secretary, and J. J. Bruce, Oklahoma City, treasurer.

The highlight of the convention was a mass meeting held in St. John AME Church. Principal addresses were delivered by Robert E. Lillard, city councilman from Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. Leona H. Pouncey, unopposed candidate on the Republican ticket for Senator from the 11th district of the state of Missouri.

Local attorneys serving as co-hosts along with Negro lawyers in other Arkansas cities were Harold Flowers, general chairman; Wiley A. Branton, Theodore Jones, George Howard and Christopher Mercer.

Other lawyers attending the meeting were J. E. Booker, Thad D. Williams and Harold Anderson, Little Rock; Wallace S. Purifoy, Forrest City, Ark.; Jerome T. Powell and Forrest F. Poppe, Shreveport, and A. A. Lennoir, Baton Rouge, La.; Benjamin H. Brown, Wichita, Kan.; Amos T. Hall and O. B. Graham, Tulsa and J. J. Bruce, Oklahoma City; L. Clifford Davis, H. W. Hatten, Fort Worth, Oliver W. Johnson, San Antonio and M. W. Plummer, Houston, Tex.; J. F. McClellan, Robert Lillard and A. J. Steele,

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Attorney James M. Nabrit Will Address Napier Lawyers Association Here May 20

Nashville Tenn. Ind.

Meeting To Be Held Sunday Afternoon At First Baptist Church, Eighth Avenue, North; Special Appeal For NAACP Will Be Made At Close Of Affair

Fri. 5-11-56

Attorney James M. Nabrit, noted Civil Rights lawyer and professor of law at Howard University, will deliver an address before the J. C. Napier Bar Association, Sunday Afternoon, May 20, at the First Baptist Church, Eight Avenue, North, it was announced here this week. The meeting will get underway at 3 o'clock.

The widely known attorney is a veteran official and professor at Howard University, Washington, D. C., where he serves not only as professor of Law, but also as secretary of the noted university.

Nationally famous as a champion of civil rights, Mr. Nabrit was one of the lawyers who successfully argued the District of Columbia Segregation Case before the U. S. Supreme Court. He figured also in the momentous case which brought about the famous May 17 Supreme Court Decision of 1954, which outlawed segregation in public schools

Well Known Here

Mr. Nabrit is no stranger in Nashville, where he has numerous friends and acquaintances. He is a son of the Late Dr. J. M. Nabrit, Sr. long-time secretary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., and is a brother of Mrs. Cecelia Nabrit Adkins, chief accountant for the Sunday School Publishing Board, and Nashville's "Woman of the Year" for 1954.

His father, the late Dr. Nabrit, was a noted Baptist minister and educator. He served here for a number of years as president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, and was the first president of the National Baptist Missionary Training School.

While his address here is being sponsored by the local Bar association, arrangements have been made for the local branch of the NAACP to make an appeal for memberships at the close of the meeting, according to the announcement.

Held in high esteem by official Washington, the noted attorney has served on a number of important committees for the U. S. Government.

First Baptist Church is pastored by the Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, who is also president of the local branch of the NAACP.

ATTORNEY JAMES M. NABRIT

R. B. J. Campbelle, Jr. First Negro Grad In Law From U. T.

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Thurs. 6-8-56
Nashville, Tenn.

Mable B. Crooks

R. B. J. Campbell, Jr., of Nashville, became the first Negro to be graduated from the College of Law at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Monday, June 4.

A graduate of Tennessee State University where he earned both his graduate and undergraduate degrees, he is also the first to be initiated into the international legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. He served as chairman of the election commission of UT's Student Bar Association for a year.

The son of Attorney and Mrs. R. B. J. Campbelle, Sr., of 3109 Centennial Boulevard, young Campbelle formerly was associate professor of business administration and dean of men at Samuel Huston College (now Huston-Tillotson), Austin, Texas; commerce department chairman at Alabama State College, Montgomery; and has taught in the business education department at A and I during summer sessions.

While at Samuel Huston, Attorney Campbelle married the former Miss Marjorie Holmes of New Orleans, daughter of Dr and Mrs. N. A. Holmes. The couple has two daughters, Jean and Margaret.

The young attorney is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Beta Kappa Alpha Speech Fraternity, and is active in YMCA work.

Grad First To Get Law Degree From U. Of Tenn.

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Birm., Ala.

BY MABEL B. CROOKS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Tennessee State University graduate became another first when R. B J. Campbell, Jr., was graduated from the College of Law at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, last week.

The Nashvillian, who had earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees at Tennessee State, is also the first to be initiated into the international legal fraternity, Phi Dela Phi, at Tennessee. He served as chairman of the election commission of UT's Student Bar Association for a year.

Campbell formerly taught at Samuel Huston College (now Houston-Tillotson), Austin, Texas, where he was associate professor of business administration and dean of men. He was commerce department chairman at Alabama State College, Montgomery, before entering law school; and has taught in the business education department at Tennessee State during summer sessions. He is the son of Attorney and Mrs. R. B J. Campbelle, Jr., of Nashville. His father, who is also a certified public accountant enjoys a wide practice.

While at Samuel Huston, young Campbell married the former Miss Marjorie Holmes of New Orleans, La., daughter of Dr and Mrs. N A. Holmes. The couple has two daughters, Jean and Margaret

The young attorney is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Beta Kappa Alpha Speech Fraternity, and is active in YMCA work'

NEW DEAN.—Dean Harry Edward Groves is the newly elected dean of the Texas Southern university law school. He assumed his new post on October 15. Dean Groves went to TSU from Fayetteville, N. C., where he practiced law and served as a member of the City Council. He is Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of Colorado and received his doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Chicago.

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Norfolk, Va.

Other officers elected were Jerry W. Williams of Danville, Va., first vice president; and Edwin C. Brown of Alexandria, second vice president. W. Hale Thompson, Phillip S. Walker, of Newport News, and M. Ralph Paige of Richmond, were elected members of the executive committee, which will decide where the next meeting will be held. Mrs. Ruth E. Hankins was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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He told the lawyers that the problems of Virginia Negroes can be solved at the ballot box. Negroes represent a balance of power in Virginia, if they would vote, the speaker said. But he warned that there must be co-ordination of political activities.

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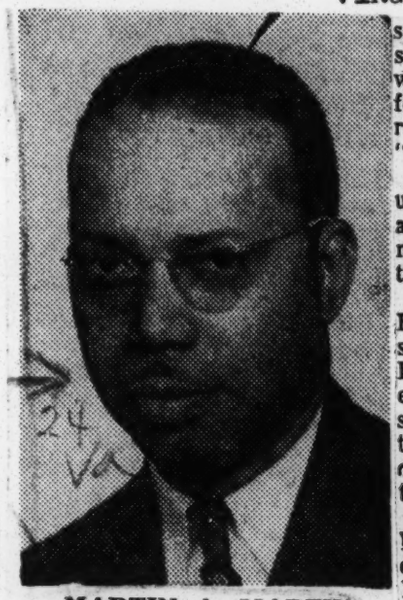

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New President

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Baltimore Md.

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"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Old Dominion Bar Association extend hearty congratulations to those people of Montgomery, Alabama, who by their unprecedented and sustained mass demonstration have struck an effective blow against racial injustice; and further,

"RESOLVED that the members of the Old Dominion Bar Association strongly urge the colored masses in Virginia to make full and immediate use of their potential voting strength and thus overcome the efforts of elected officials of the Commonwealth to deny constitutional guarantees of equality under law."

Mr. Martin was born in Danville, Virginia, on July 24, 1910, and attended the public schools there. He also attended Ohio State University in Columbus, O. and Howard University in Washington, D.C., graduating from Howard University School of Law in June 1938.

He practiced law in Danville, for four years, when appointed an attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice, remaining for a period of two years. Resigned from the government service in 1944 to re-enter private practice.

IN 1945 became a member of the law firm of Hill, Martin and Robinson, and remained until September 1955, at which time entered the new law firm of Hill, Martin and Olphin, here in Richmond, Virginia, and is still with that firm.

He is a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, Interstate Commerce Commission, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and various other Federal District Courts.

Married the former Ruth S Johnson, a native of Richmond, in May 1953.

President of the Old Dominion Bar Association of Virginia, president of the Richmond Chapter of the Old Dominion Bar Association of Virginia, Vice-Chairman of Legal Staff of the Virginia State Conference - NAACP, member of the Iota Sigma Chapter Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, member of Murdock Lodge No 163 A.F. and A.M., and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, Va.

MARTIN A. MARTIN